

Listing of Claims/Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims that follows will replace all prior versions in the application.

1. (Previously Presented) A pressurized-fluid consuming system, comprising at least one pressurized-fluid consuming device and at least one secondary consumer device, said at least one secondary consumer device being constructed and arranged to draw pressurized fluid from at least one pressurized-fluid storage reservoir, said at least one pressurized-fluid storage reservoir being constructed and arranged to supply said at least one pressurized-fluid consuming device, said at least one secondary consumer device including means for receiving a determined value of state of said at least one pressurized-fluid storage reservoir and for drawing pressurized fluid from said at least one pressurized-fluid storage reservoir only when said value of state reaches a predetermined minimum value.

2. (Previously Presented) The pressurized-fluid consuming system according to claim 1, wherein said value of state indicates at least one of (i) pressure in said at least one pressurized-fluid storage reservoir and (ii) quantity of air contained therein and (iii) mass of air contained therein and (iv) energy stored therein.

3. (Previously Presented) The pressurized-fluid consuming system according to claim 1, wherein said secondary consumer device draws pressurized fluid from said at least one pressurized-fluid storage reservoir only when said value of state is within a predetermined range.

4. (Previously Presented) The pressurized-fluid consuming system according to claim 1, wherein said at least one pressurized-fluid-consuming device includes at least one vehicle brake system.

5. (Previously Presented) The pressurized-fluid consuming system according to claim 1, wherein said at least one secondary consumer device includes at least one port for connection to a data bus and means for receiving a signal indicating said value of state from said data bus.

6. (Currently Amended) The pressurized-fluid consuming system according to claim 1, further comprising a pressurized-fluid supply device for filling said at least one pressurized-fluid storage reservoir, and wherein ~~said~~ a signal indicating said value of state is transmitted by at least one of said pressurized-fluid supply device and an electronics unit of an instrument panel.

7. (Previously Presented) The pressurized-fluid-consuming system according to claim 1, wherein said at least one secondary consumer device is constructed and arranged for use in a vehicle, said at least one secondary consumer device including means for receiving a speed signal indicating vehicle speed, and, when said speed signal is less than a predetermined value of speed, drawing pressurized-fluid from said at least one pressurized-fluid storage reservoir on demand even when said value of state has not reached said predetermined minimum value.

8. (Previously Presented) The pressurized-fluid-consuming system according to claim 1, wherein said at least one secondary consumer device is a vehicle level-control system.

9. (Previously Presented) The pressurized-fluid consuming system according to claim 4, wherein said at least one vehicle brake system is a service brake system.